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In re Patent Application of:
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For: IDENTIFICATION AND
CHARACTERIZATION OF MULTIPLE
SPLICE VARIANTS OF THE MU OPIOID
RECEPTOR GENE

Examiner: R. S. Landsman

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.97(d)). Pursuant to the conversation of June 24, 2009, between Applicants' attorney Peter Lauro and Examiner Landsman, Applicants hereby petition that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

The references being submitted were previously provided in an Information Disclosure Statement filed October 27, 2008. Applicants have supplied the date of internet access in the citation of the references on the attached PTO/SB/08. Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner's attention that the supplied date (i.e., October 27, 2008) was printed in the footer on the copies of the references previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 27, 2008, and being re-submitted herein.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1105 in the amount of \$180.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 62078(51590).

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